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Sir:

With a view to putting the English translation of their subject International Application into a condition believed to comply with formal requirements of U.S. Patent Prosecution and to avoiding fees for multiple dependency claims, Applicants courteously request entry of the following amendment:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 4: insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

1. Field of the Invention.--;

line 12: insert --2. The State of the Prior Art.--;

page 2, line 9: insert --OBJECT OF THE INVENTION.--;

line 16: insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.--;

page 3, line 8: insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL DRAWINGS.--;

page 4, line 3: insert --DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENT.--;

page 9, line 1: change "Patent Claims" to --What is claimed is:--;

page 15, line 4: change "Abstract" to --ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE.--;
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